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In re Application of:

James J. Lalonde

Serial No. 09/928,810

Filed: August 13, 2001

For: SYNTHESIS OF 2-  
OXOGLUTARAMATE  
FROM L-GLUTAMINE

PATENT APPLICATION

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: I. Marx

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, the following remarks are submitted for consideration:

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction and election of claims to be examined among the following three groups:

I. Claims 1-15, which are drawn to a microbial process of making 2-oxoglutaramate from glutamine - classified in Class 435, subclass 110;

II. Claims 16-26, which are drawn to a reaction mixture comprising bacteria and glutamine - classified in Class 424, subclass 93.4; and

III. Claims 27-30, which are drawn to a composition comprising bacteria and oxoglutaramate - classified in Class 435, subclass 252.1.

This requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth more fully below.

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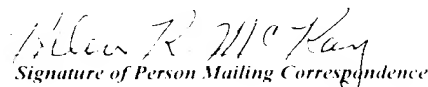
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